

# SHOP FLORIDA TV

with TV Host Claribel Levinson

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Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

My name is Claribel Levinson, and I am the host of Shop Florida TV, the CEO of Star 1 Consultants, and the current (2015) Mrs. Universe Star – Dominican Republic. I am also an entrepreneur living in the Fort Myers area of Florida. I am writing to your office because of my concern about broadband services in Florida, and how two providers who are monopolizing the industry. I know first hand and have seen how low-income Hispanic families are struggling to pay unfair prices because of overpriced special access fees. A majority of America's broadband network is controlled by two companies, which the Federal Communications Commission has estimated make \$40 billion on special access fees alone. The \$40 billion comes from the hard working consumers who are unaware of why their broadband prices keep increasing, while service stays the same.

Some of the consumers that are most affected are hard working families in the Hispanic community. Hispanic families and small business owners are desperately trying to keep up in our ever-changing society. They rely on broadband to communicate with their friends and family and promote their businesses. Not having broadband is no longer an option for our community. Besides the everyday needs of communication with loved ones, our children need broadband for their education, and their parents need broadband to gain and maintain employment. It is troubling to think of the millions of dollars these hard working families have overpaid in special access fees. Instead of lining the pockets of already profitable companies, the money could be used to provide better opportunities for all families.

The Federal Communications Commission has been investigating the issue of special access fees for far too long while the consumers continue to suffer. It is time for the FCC to place regulations on the fees charged for special access lines to allow for greater competition. Consumers, business, and organizations across Florida have the right to affordable and reliable broadband.

I urge you to take action on this issue.

Sincerely,



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